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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

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CRYPTOGRAPHIC KEY FOR N SUBSCRIBERS  
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Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

SIR:

Kindly amend the above-identified application before examination, as set forth below.

**IN THE TITLE:**

Please replace the title with the following:

--PROCESS FOR ESTABLISHING A COMMON CRYPTOGRAPHIC KEY FOR N  
SUBSCRIBERS--.

**IN THE SPECIFICATION:**

Please amend the specification, including abstract, pursuant to the attached substitute specification. Also attached is a red-lined copy of the specification, indicating deleted and added sections. No new matter has been added.